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TELEGRAMS.

THE REVOLUTION.

SHANGHAI REJOICES.

(Our Own Correspondent.)
Shanghai, Jan. 16, 9.35 a.m.
Rejoicings in Shanghai, over the news of the abdication of the Throne, were held on an unprecedented scale last night, and merrymaking was general.

REBELS DEFEATED.

The Imperialists have defeated the rebels at Mienchih.

BATTLE IMMINENT.

Durban, Jan. 15, 4 a.m.
Routen's correspondent at Peking reports that the Chinese armies are moving from Wuchang to attack the Imperial base at Siakan, forty miles northward. Eleven transports and six cruisers are preparing at Shanghai to proceed to Cheloo in order to co-operate in the advance. Other insurgent forces are moving towards Peking by four routes, and the Imperialists are hastening preparations to oppose them.

INDIAN TROOPS FOR CHINA.

Durban, Jan. 15, 5.45 a.m.
The "Times" Bombay correspondent states that two battalions of Indian troops are to sail for China immediately.—Reuter.

MORMONS.

Investigation of the management of the Mormon church at Chicago by the Illinois state's attorney is likely to follow the statement by two missionaries that they were instructed to force their way into homes, if necessary, to get converts. M. Thompson and Varion Keller were arrested when they tried to force entry into the home of Mrs. E. D. Delaney. They testified that there were 200 Mormon missionaries at work in the United States, 18 of whom were in Chicago. "There is no truth in the statement that our missionaries are instructed to force their way into homes," said President Joseph Smith at Salt Lake City, Utah, when interviewed.

TELEGRAMS.

TEST CRICKET.

CRICKETERS AS FIREMEN.

(Service to the "Telegraph.")
Durban, Jan. 15, 12 p.m.
Routen's correspondent at Adelaide says that the members of the M.C.C. team were invited to dinner by the Governor. They arrived to find his residence on Marble Hill surrounded by bush fires.

FIGHTING THE FLAMES.

The cricketers dashed at the flames and strenuously fought the terrific heat. The outbuildings were several times ignited but they succeeded in saving all the live stock except the fowls. The scene, in the darkness of night, was awe-inspiring. Blazing trees crashed to the ground and sent up showers of sparks.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA'S TASK.

Durban, Jan. 15, 11.20 a.m.
The weather was close and humid when the third test match was resumed at Adelaide. The attendance was fair and the wicket perfect. England's score reached 501, Foster adding 71 to the total. Australia has lost one wicket for 93 runs.—Reuter.

MOKANSHAN MURDER.

On January 8 we published a telegram from our Shanghai correspondent reporting that Mr. R. J. Felgate of Mokanshan had been murdered by robbers. From the "N. C. Daily News" of Jan. 9 we take the following: Mr. Robert Felgate, who was fifty-two years of age, was a Londoner. He came to China on November 8, 1894, in connection with the China Inland Mission, but did not remain with this society for more than five or six years. With his wife he afterwards began mission work among sailors, later starting a small restaurant in connection with this work in the Broadway. The enterprise succeeded, and a larger place was built, now the Shaftesbury House and Lincoln House. About four years ago he went to Mokanshan and up to the time of his death conducted a summer home and boarding house and general store. He leaves a wife and two sons. Mrs. Felgate is at present in America, where the older son is also, at college and the second son is in the employ of Messrs. Dunning & Co. at Shanghai.
In a letter, written five days before he was killed, received in Shanghai yesterday, Mr. Felgate refers to the unsettled state of the country. He mentions that at Sanpoh, not far from Mokanshan, four robbers were killed by the people from whom they had stolen \$500 and also that at another village close by the robbers made a onslaught and killed two of the inhabitants.

TELEGRAMS.

FRENCH POLITICS.

CABINET'S STATEMENT.

(Service to the "Telegraph.")
Durban, Jan. 15, 1.55 p.m.
The French Cabinet has drafted a declaration of policy affirming France's loyalty to the alliance friendships which are stronger than ever. The declaration emphasises the need of maintaining the army and navy on a level to meet all eventualities. It also urges the speediest ratification of the Franco-German agreement which, it says, will ensure frank and loyal relations while respecting at the same time the dignity and interests of both countries.—Reuter.

LORD GEORGE SANGER.

Details of the Recent Murder.

Fuller details are now to hand regarding the murder of Lord George Sanger, who had been living on his own estate, Park Farm, East Finchley, London, for some years past.
It was at twenty minutes to six that a man named Cooper, who was engaged as a servant of Lord George Sanger, walked into the house, opened the scullery door, and attacked with a razor a man named Jackson, who is also a servant in the house. He cut Jackson's neck and dropped the razor on the floor. He then made his way into the front room, where Lord George Sanger, who was eighty-four years of age, was sitting. A young man, Mr. Austin, as was his custom, was reading to him. Cooper brought a hatchet with him and struck Austin, cutting his head open. Then he attacked Lord George Sanger in the same way. Lord George was rendered unconscious, and died at ten minutes to eleven. A few minutes after the attack a policeman on duty close by was called by Cooper's brother, who is also employed on the farm. He was not in the house at the time, but heard the cries of the injured men. It will be remembered that the murderer afterwards committed suicide.

A Great Showman.

Memories of most men's boyhood will be revived by this tragedy. "Older Boy" remember the processions, led by an elephant, which paraded the streets of most of the towns and villages of the country; the lighted tent, scene of mystery and fascination, through the cracks of which one strove vainly to peer; the glory of tinsel and topboots which rendered almost superhuman the ring-master and the queer triennials; and the roaring of the African Lion and the royal

TELEGRAMS.

NEW CHIEF RABBI.

JEWISH LOYALTY.

(Service to the "Telegraph.")
Durban, Jan. 15, 5.45 a.m.
Delegates from all parts of Britain met yesterday to arrange the preliminaries connected with the appointment of a new Chief Rabbi. Lord Rothschild emphasised as a necessity that the new Chief Rabbi should have a knowledge of the English communities and that he should be able to preach in English and inculcate patriotism. The new incumbent of such a high office should be a man who would not only train his co-religionists in the traditions of Judaism but make them loyal citizens of the Empire.—Reuter.

TELEGRAMS.

ROYAL TOUR.

SAXONY'S PRINCE.

(Service to the "Telegraph.")
Durban, Jan. 15, 5 p.m.
Routen's Dresden correspondent states that it is announced that the Crown Prince of Saxony will not visit Ceylon as intended, but will make a tour to Egypt.—Reuter.

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It is claimed for the Johnson Varley system of wireless telegraphy, which is now being introduced by the Universal Cheap Cables (Limited), that wireless messages can be sent without the possibility of being tapped, and that the evils of one message interfering with another are dispelled with.
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CHRYSANthemum STONE.

A Chinese Curiosity.

The following is from the Sydney "Evening News":—There has been brought to Australia from the bottom of a lake in China, by Mr. Tong Cai Chih, editor of the "Tung Wah Times," an object, which the Chinese in Sydney, and at home believe to be a cluster of fossilised chrysanthemums. Since this object was taken from the lake, the Chinese Government has ordered that no more of the rock shall be removed, at any rate until it is settled whether it is an exceedingly rare find or not. The lake is in the Mountains of Hunan, near the town of New Yang, where Mr. Tong's people live. There are forests in the hills back from the lake, but there is no form of water plant or lily growing in the lake itself nowadays, so far as Mr. Tong knows. Around the lake and on the bottom of it, are black rocks, and down through the water, which is very clear, can be seen, on the face of the black stones, the white outlines of what look like chrysanthemums or marigolds. The stone which Mr. Tong has here in Sydney, contains a large flower. The petals are of a white marble-like stone, very regular, and separated from the surrounding black stone by a clearly visible crack. There seem to be the remains of a little discoloured, wood or vegetable matter in part of the stalk, and the stalk, if it has been one, is not unlike a real. The Chinese have called this lake the Chrysanthemum Lake, and the stone in classical Chinese is Jhar-Far-Shan, the chrysanthemum stone.

TELEGRAMS.

AGITATION IN SPAIN.

CRISIS PASSED.

(Service to the "Telegraph.")
Durban, Jan. 15, 5 p.m.
The Madrid correspondent of Routen's Agency states that the Cabinet has decided to resume office.—Reuter.

KING AND CABINET.

Durban, Jan. 15, 4 a.m.
From Madrid it is reported that there has been a great agitation in Spain on behalf of a sinner, who was condemned to death by a court martial as a result of a riot in which a magistrate and two secretaries were killed. The Cabinet was obdurate, but King Alfonso also expressing a desire to commute the sentence the Cabinet submitted the necessary decree and assigned. The King signed the decree and is now urging the Cabinet to remain in office. Crowds surround the palace cheering the King.

A POINT OF ETIQUETTE.

We think that you are with us when we say that etiquette is the salt of life. One reveals in etiquette; and when the plain, blunt man refers to us as "sticklers" in his complacent, thereby irritating this plain, blunt man extremely. What we mean is, that you really cannot get away from etiquette. Etiquette is not a mere exercise of that has come with the rise of civilisation. But we should not insist upon this just now had we not learnt lately the correct thing to do when the Sultan of Turkey is attacked by a sneezing fit. That we were ignorant concerning this matter was rather a shock. We might easily have had an audience of the Sultan and failed to conform to convention when that potentate displayed the popular symptoms of impending influenza. The orthodox rule is simple when you know it, but unless you know it you will be all at sea. Remember then that should the Sultan sneeze once everybody is expected to make a clicking sound with the tongue, which may roughly be rendered "Tk." At the second sneeze everybody will kindly oblige with a spoken "Joko." Don't forget. First sneeze—Tk; second sneeze—Joko. This is the best of etiquette—it changes life's dullness into the picturesque. When we sneeze, we just sneeze and that's all. When the Sultan sneezes it is as though a great chant were being performed. The affair has an operative value which is elevating and beautiful. Next to being interrupted in a sneezing fit the Sultan dislikes most the visitor who misinterprets this request and says "Joko" when he ought to say "Tk." The "Joko."

TELEGRAMS.

OBITUARY.

LORD WENLOCK.

(Service to the "Telegraph.")
Durban, Jan. 15, 5 p.m.
The death is announced of Lord Wenlock.—Reuter.

SUN'S LATEST APPEAL.

Urges the Imperial Generals to Join Their Brethren.

President Sun Yat-sen has addressed the following appeal to the Imperialist Generals:
The Republic has taken seventeen provinces. We have raised the flag of righteousness, yet no form of government has been decided. In attending to internal and foreign affairs unless we have an united organ it is impossible to attain the aim of the Revolution and therefore it is absolutely necessary to form a provisional government. Though humble I am, I have been elected by vote as provisional president and I will loyally serve the people, and though I have declined yet I have not been allowed to do so and thus I have taken up the post as a provisional appointant. When order is restored and the National Convention decides the form of the Government and all the situation is settled I will retire and leave the responsible post to a more fitted and able person. To this I hereby urge all in the presence of Hengyan and Sun and declare before our brethren. Though there is a hope of peace yet the war cloud is still in existence. Those who are in the service of Northern army are the brethren of the Han people. Your movements have a great concern to the general situation. I have to draw your attention to many points.
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2.—There is an old saying "What the people desire even Heaven will follow." This means that what people want will be the form of the Government. Now two-thirds of China is on our side. Even with the tactics of such strategists as Sun or Wu and the courage of such heroes as Fong and Yu it is impossible for the Manchus to turn the tide.
3.—The Republic has been established, and this is the time to show merit for the sake of the Republic. You will not show your aim in our cause soon, you will be too late to gain glory.
4.—In a word this righteous movement is in accordance with the will of heaven and they go along with the dignity by which you have shaken off the despotic government all the people should join this cause and the merit will be equally shared by all.
5.—In such a situation the military officers of this north and the south should join as one in the sake of this state without fighting each other any more to establish one Republic to secure the welfare of our state and people. You ought to join at once without any hesitation to us not to depend upon it will be too late.

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WHAT THEY THINK

China Mail.

The Throne Abdicates.

Disusted and disliked by the Court, though appealed to by it in the last desperate resort, and equally disusted by his countrymen, who could not forget the part he played in the reform movements of 1898, he has undoubtedly saved China from the horrors of a fratricidal civil war. As long as it was possible, he supported the Throne and endeavoured to save it from destruction. But the Shanghai Peace Conference, abortive though it seemed in practical results, must have convinced him that the cause of the Imperialists was lost and that the Revolutionists were making no idle boast when they asserted that the power so long wielded by Peking had passed to them. Hence we can easily imagine that the voice of Yuan Shih-kai was heard in those secret conferences of the Manchus which finally resolved upon the Imperial family's abdication, and that he it was who counselled making the best terms possible with triumphant Democracy. Now it is up to the Reformers to make good their promises and to start upon such a policy of progress as will eventually result in a strong, clean, and beneficent China.

Daily Press.

Eminently Proper.

While the attitude of the Japanese Government in regard to the crisis in China has been eminently proper, in denial of the wild rumours afloat, there can be no doubt that there is a general feeling in Japan in favour of interference in some form or other. If there is to be a scramble for China among the foreign Powers, the Japanese public does not want their country to be left out in the cold, and the less responsible papers have been voicing this feeling by perpetually referring to the inevitability of foreign interference and by asking pointed questions as to the intention of the Japanese Government in the matter. Perhaps it is owing to this undercurrent of feeling that various wild rumours have been spread in Shanghai—that home of rumours—as to vigorous action on the part of Japan. One report, circulated at Shanghai, was that the recent Autumn military manoeuvres held in Southern Japan were really only a convenient pretext for mobilising an army which could be rushed to Peking at the first favourable opportunity and kept there in spite of all protest from the foreign Powers.

South China Morning Post.

The Law Courts.

It was a speech replete with happy sentiment that His Excellency the Governor delivered yesterday in declaring open the new Law Courts. He spoke with patriotic pride of the noble tradition of Britain—the equity and rightful enforcement of its law—a tradition given perpetuity in the words of that beautiful Communion prayer which beseeches that his Majesty and "all that are put in authority under him" may "truly and indifferently minister justice to the punishment of wickedness and vice." The structure is solid and substantial and of good material. Yet it is well known there are many in the Colony who will disagree with his Excellency that it is a monument of which we may be proud. Discussions in recent months at meetings of the Legislative Council have made that very apparent. Still we are not inclined to go far with the critics. In themselves the new Law Courts are excellent.

The suffragists want a suitable emblem. We don't suppose it would do any good to suggest a go-cart. Toledo, Blade.

The nine directors of the Meat Trust who resigned cannot thus exonerate themselves, the Governor's speech indicates. They are no remedy for past misdeeds. Indianapolis News.

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POLITICAL PROBABILITIES.

It is rather remarkable that the elections in Germany should have synchronised with the formation of a new Cabinet in France; and it is interesting to consider what may be the probable results of these changes. In France, M. Poincaré, who has still to make his name familiar outside his own country, however well known it may be in French political circles, has apparently secured a Cabinet to which even the Opposition is able to take little exception. M. Briand, himself Premier not so long ago, M. Delcassé, and M. Klotz, to say nothing of the others, have each useful records as statesmen, and the Cabinet as constituted strikes the outside observer as sound rather than brilliant. It will believe its promises if it does not address itself rather to solid work than to political fireworks. In any case, it is essentially a Republican cabinet, and if the monarchical parties hoped to make some political use of the crisis their hopes have rudely been dashed to the ground.

The startling feature of the German elections is the increase of the Socialist vote, computed at a million, compared with 1907. But an examination of the figures shows that the Socialist gains in themselves do not very materially affect the balance of right and left parties. The Socialists have gained seats from the Right, it is true, but they have captured even more from the other parties on the left. These parties, in turn, have also gained from the Right, so that the result of the general shuffle is that the Right is weaker and the Socialists stronger than before. If, as is anticipated, the Socialists return 95 strong, there may be a change in the atmosphere of German politics.

It is both difficult and dangerous to prophesy, but it would almost appear as though the changes in both Parliaments may do something to ease the tension of European politics. Consistent with maintaining an army and navy strong enough to enforce the claims and to uphold the dignity of France, the new Cabinet would appear to have a sincere desire for peace and to be animated with goodwill towards Germany. It is the merest truism to say that a desire for peace and a determination to maintain fighting strength at its highest pitch are not incompatible. They go hand in hand, indeed. The new French Cabinet's statement, published to-day, carries conviction for this very reason. With all their faults, again, Socialists are essentially peace-lovers. True it is that they love peace too greatly in this warlike age. Their ideals are pretty, but mankind has a long way to travel before these ideals become translated into practice. Still, the Socialist desire for peace may have an effect in Germany. Extremes in politics often meet and tone each other down a little. And it is quite on the cards that a strong Socialist influence in Germany may arrest, if only for a little while, the mad rush for armaments in Europe. These simultaneous events in France and Germany may have far-reaching effects, and we have hinted at probabilities. But probabilities and results in European politics are often as wide as the Poles apart.

DAY BY DAY.

Tact is merely the art of saying nothing when there is nothing to be said.

To-day's Paper.

Notes on Sport from all quarters will be found on page 8. On page 3 appears Woman's World and News of the World. An interesting experience of the M.C.C. team in Australia, in the direction of fire-lighting, is given among the telegrams on page 1.

Fourteen days' hard labour was the sentence passed upon Li Hook at the Magistracy, this morning, for stealing three bundles of wood.

The Chinese Engineering and Mining Co., Ltd., inform us that the total output of the Company's three mines for the week ending Dec. 30, 1911, amounted to 34,410.25 tons and the sales during the period to 31,091.40 tons.

A man named Ma Ping was charged at the Magistracy, this morning, with the larceny of a felt hat, valued at \$2, from the person of one Li Po, at Queen's Road West, yesterday afternoon. He was found guilty and sentenced to fourteen days' imprisonment.

A woman named Kwok Nui of 352, Queen's Road Central, was charged at the Magistracy this morning with behaving in a disorderly manner whilst drunk, in Queen's Road West, last night. It was pointed out that this was the second time she had been before the bench within five months. She was fined \$10 or fourteen days.

Alleged Snatching.
Chan Ping was remanded at the Magistracy, this morning, on a charge of stealing an earring valued at \$7.00 from Lau Sze, at Connaught Road Central, yesterday afternoon.

Hongkong A.D.C.
The welcome announcement is made in our advertising columns that a Grand Variety Entertainment will be given at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, on January 27, by the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club. The booking office at the Robinson Piano Co. will open on January 20.

Death From Small-Pox.
Last Sunday, Mr. John Sampson, an American guest at a local hotel, was found to be suffering from small-pox. He was removed to the Kennedy Town Hospital and his room was disinfected by the Sanitary authorities. The victim of the disease arrived in the s.s. Tean on December 17. The case is an imported one and, we are informed, there is no cause for alarm, as all proper precautions have been taken.

The Bijou Theatre.
If it is by the box office one ascertains the pulse of the theatre, the Bijou Theatre must be well over normal. During the week and Mr. Stephenson had the satisfaction of well filled houses, and he must feel that his efforts to cater for the entertainment of the people are appreciated. Apart from a superior set of humorous and newsworthy films, Mr. Stephenson has retained the services of the versatile Miss Eileen Murray. She has a new Japanese love song, and after her reception on Sunday evening it would be a wise move on Miss Murray's part if she included more of that particular class of song in her repertoire.

An Involuntary Bath.
It is a common practice among Chinese of the coolie class to leap from the "Star" Ferry boats before the boat has come alongside the wharf, with the result that very frequently the impatient passenger is precipitated headlong into the water. Last week we reported one such case. Another instance of this nature has come to our notice. It appears that shortly before five o'clock yesterday afternoon, while the ferry from Kowloon was approaching the wharf on the Hongkong side, the Chinese second-class watchman on board tried to jump on to the wharf, but miscalculated the distance and obtained an involuntary bath. A life-buoy was thrown out to him, but after a brief struggle in the water, the man passed under the gangway and was fished out of the water on the opposite side, none the worse for his immersion. The man did not make use of the life-buoy.

Sir Henry Kimber, M.P., Chairman of the South Indian Railway, has notified to the election of Wansworth that he does not intend to stand for Parliament at the next election.

An increase in plague mortality in India is reported for the week ending December 16, the total number of deaths being 8,091 as against 6,582 reported in the previous week.

Some idea of the enormous strain on the telegraphic facilities during the Durbar at Delhi may be gathered from the fact that no less than 9,000 congratulatory messages were received there on the day of the publication of the honours list. Considering their limited resources, the telegraph department performed miracles.

The City Hall.

Chinese visitors to the Museum at the City Hall during the week ended January 14 numbered 3,279 and to the Library 133. The number of non-Chinese visiting the Library was 353, while 107 visited the Museum.

Prescribed Publication.

The picture entitled "Ashab-hu-jai" in which a Hindu goddess called Ashabhuja Devi is depicted riding a lion and furiously attacking two butchers who have apparently just decapitated a cow, printed at the Ravi Varma Press, Karla, Lonavla, and marked "Registered 300" is forfeited to His Majesty on the ground that the said picture is likely to incite to acts of violence and to bring into hatred and contempt certain classes of His Majesty's subjects in British India.

Greek at Oxford.

The proposed statute to allow honours students in mathematics and natural science, exemption from Greek came before a Convocation of the Oxford University quite recently for final decision. On division the statute was rejected by 395 to 360, or a majority of 235.

The Warden of Koble said the statute would restrict the range of outlook possible for their graduates. Professor Gilbert Murray said there was the broadest of all differences between literary studies on the one side and scientific on the other. The statute did not forbid the science men taking Greek. This question would have ultimately to be settled either by them or by some outside body.

Hongkong's Whispering Gallery.

In the Courts of Justice, this afternoon, while the Chief Justice and the Puisne Judge were hearing Mr. Potter on behalf of respondents in an appeal case, considerable inattention was caused by cooing in the corridor above the Chief Justice's Court. Windows in the court open on to the corridor and Chinese talking were to be heard so plainly that the barrier had to cease for a moment.

During the interval of suspense, while the usher procured silence, the Chief Justice humorously dubbed the corridor "The Whispering Gallery" to the amusement of the court.

Mrs. Chang and the Premier.

On December 15, says the "L. & C. Express," one of the leading women among the revolutionaries in China, Mrs. Chang, a niece of Yuan Shih-kai, left England for her native land in order to resume her political work. Though little more than a girl in years Mrs. Chang has long been an active agitator against the Manchu Dynasty. "When I was a very little girl," she told an interviewer, "my father dedicated me, together with my sister, who is now studying for a doctor's degree at Hongkong, to the cause of liberty. He had petitioned the Dowager Empress to abdicate, and for that offence had been compelled to resign his office as a judge. 'Yuan Shih-kai,' she declared, 'is a soldier, not a statesman, or even a politician. His ideal is a limited monarchy, because he believes that under such a system his popularity with the army would give him the power of an autocrat. As an autocrat he would, no doubt, introduce many sweeping reforms, but the Chinese people would not be free. I firmly believe that no Parliament would be able to control his actions.'

THE CAT.

Discouraging Stone Throwing.

At the Magistracy this morning, a man was sentenced to fourteen days' imprisonment, and twelve strokes of the cat, for throwing stones at a watchman, at Kennedy Town, yesterday.

A GAMBLING RAID.

Keepers Fined.

A raid on a gambling house was made last night, in Ship Street, at number 34, and the result was that eleven men were charged at the Magistracy this morning with gambling, and two women with keeping a gaming house.

P. C. 942 said that last night he entered the house on a warrant and made for the sitting room where he found two of the defendants throwing dice and the others stood round a mat in a ring. The man throwing the dice was associated with another who was the banker and delivered the cards to the others whose prospects were based upon the number thrown by the dice caster.

For keeping a gaming house the women were each fined \$75.00 or three months and along with the others fined \$3.00 or seven days on the charge of gambling.

SANITARY BOARD.

Dr. Fitzwilliams and the Water Supply.

At the Sanitary Board which met this afternoon, a letter was read from the Government relative to the erection of a trough convenience in D'Aguilar Street. The Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett, in a minute, expressed the opinion that the Board should adhere to its previous decision. It they acted on objections of the sort raised they would never have any public conveniences at all.

In connection with the report from the Government Analyst on the public water supply for Dec. 1911, Dr. Fitzwilliams asked when the report of the investigation of the Government Bacteriologist with regard to the Pokfulam Reservoir would be published. It was now some months, since this very unsatisfactory preliminary report was handed to the Board.

LONG APPEAL CASE.

Alleged Malicious Arrest.

This morning in the Chief Justice's Court, before the Chief Justice, Sir Francis Pigott and the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Gomerz, sitting in Appellate Jurisdiction, the continuation of the appeal in the case in which Lai Chi-chin originally sued Tang Wong-shi for damages for alleged wrongful arrest was heard.

The hearing was on an appeal by the plaintiff Lai Chi-chin against the decision of the Puisne Judge and a special jury, in the Court below, when the defendant won the day. The grounds put forward in support of the appeal, were that the verdict of the jury was against the weight of evidence, that the questions left to the jury were not proper questions and that there had been misdirection on the part of the judge. Yesterday Mr. M. W. Slade, K.C., instructed by Messrs. Brutton and Hett, appeared for the plaintiff and appellant, dealing with the question of alleged misdirection said:—In this case, I submit, it was clear that there was misdirection coupled with the fact that the learned judge, thinking that the facts were sufficiently before the jury, having heard the evidence, and the addresses of Counsel, omitted to refer specifically to the facts, and he did not point out to the jury that on certain facts, proved and admitted, they were entitled to infer malice and the other necessary ingredients which go to make up the cause of action. They did not have to put to them that from the same facts they were at liberty to infer that the whole thing had been done maliciously. Concluding, Counsel said that the question of malice should have been put specifically to the jury.

Mr. Potter, replying on behalf of the respondent, said that his friend was relying on a plea of false imprisonment, and that had been abandoned by Counsel for the other side when the case was heard in the lower court.

BILLIARDS.

Soldier's Club Tournament.

A meeting was held at the Soldier's Club, to-day, to arrange for the forthcoming billiard tournament and an interesting discussion took place on the advisability of including Volunteers without a fixed length of service. Capt. Clapham, R.G.A. presided and the representatives present were:

Sr. Mr. Tucker, A.O.C. Sr. J. Williams, A.P.C. Sr. W. Jackson, K.O.Y.L.I. and A. M. Thornhill, V.R.

Sergeant Tucker said that many men joined the Volunteers just about the time of the billiard tournament so as to be eligible to play.

Capt. Clapham: Do you think men would go to the trouble and expense of joining the Volunteers simply to play in the tournament?

Sergeant Tucker: Yes, Sir. Would it not be as well to make it compulsory that certain services must have been served before becoming eligible for competition in the tournament?

Capt. Clapham: I do not think we can do anything, although it is as well not to add anything to the rules that is in favour of any unit. I do not think we can make any rule against them and I think they have been above suspicion, don't you?

Sergeant Tucker: The general opinion is they have not.

Capt. Clapham: I think Mr. Thornhill can tell us that.

Mr. Thornhill: Oh, Yes! They have been above suspicion. Last year we brought in a team of Volunteer reserves and that might have made a difference.

Sergeant Tucker: Then Mr. Thornhill knows about it.

Capt. Clapham: Can you get a team this year from the reserves?

Mr. Thornhill: Yes, Sir.

The discussion then dropped and the rules were then adopted. The Eligible Teams are:—R.N., R.G.A. company teams and Staff team K.O.Y.L.I. battalion team and Sergeants Mess (in consequence of weakening through dispatch of men). Departmental teams either separate or combined.—H.K.V., H.K.V.R., H.K. Police, H.K. Prison Warders, R.N.Y. Police. Each team must consist of eight men.

All entries must be sent to the Manager of the Soldier's Club on or before Monday, Jan. 22, and the draw will take place at 12.30 p.m. on Tuesday.

The first ties will be played during the week Jan. 29—Feb. 2.

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

(From Various Sources.)

Proof of Prosperity.

New York, Dec. 15.

Evidence of prosperity is seen in this year's imports of gems. They total forty-nine millions dollars, which was exceeded only in 1906, when the total was \$43,573,000. In the past year the imports fell back to less than thirteen million dollars.

This year's total is half a million dollars more than last year's.

Berne Tragedy.

Berne, Dec. 11.

Hans Fluetsch, a Gaisens school master, in a fit of madness resolved to exterminate his family, and accordingly, involved 50 miles and killed his mother and sister, then returned home and shot his father.

Two days later he killed another sister and seriously wounded a third.

Finally he committed suicide, leaving a letter, in which he stated that he had committed the deeds with full cognizance of their nature.

Aeroplane Rights.

New York, Dec. 15.

The Wright Company secured an injunction to-day restraining Mr. Claude Grahame White from flying in the United States without the permission of the Messrs. Wright. Judge Hand said that Mr. Grahame White had not taken steps to contest the validity of the brothers' patents and presumably, therefore, accepted them.

The Englishman, interviewed to-day, said that he is not worrying and will probably return to England to manufacture aeroplanes.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Light Touch.

We frequently publish short articles from the "Globe" of a light and whimsical character. Some readers possibly skim these "articles" over and assume that because they are easy reading that they were easy writing. No assumption could be further from the truth. To condense an essay of addition into thirty or forty lines of newspaper type, and yet to retain both the teaching and the light touch would be a difficult feat for Addison himself to accomplish—in fact the task would probably be beyond his powers. We are not suggesting a comparison between Addison and the "Globe" writer, but are merely giving the latter credit for an accomplishment that by its very success forfeits the recognition that it deserves. Only those who have been presumptuous enough to attempt to write a daily article of the humorously philosophical type know what a difficult task it is. The furtive wit, the light railway, the pleasant skimming over the surface of deep topics, seem easily within the power of those to whom the pen is a familiar instrument until they settle down to the attempt. Then it is too often found that the bright fancies have spread their gossamer wings and that the provision of "easy reading" has become harder labour than a judge with humanitarian instincts would care to inflict upon a confirmed malfeasant.

Will China Break Up?

With some apprehension we print the heading above, as of late, we learn, a section of the Hongkong Chinese have developed a strange restiveness under the most gentle criticism. However, the heading is not ours. It is chosen by Sir Henry Blake, who, certainly while he was Governor of Hongkong, did not obtain the reputation of a "Chinophobe" in an article published in the December "Nineteenth Century." It would probably interest readers to know Sir Henry Blake's views, but we can only spare space for the following two extracts:—"To the native of Chihli the Cantonese is more a foreigner than the Manchou. This was forcibly brought to my notice during the boxer troubles when a number of Cantonese gentlemen waited upon me in Hongkong in great distress on account of their sons who were at the Chinese University in Tientsin. They said that their sons were considered foreigners and could only show themselves abroad at the risk of their lives. They begged me to use my good offices in having the young men sent down and were prepared to pay \$10,000 if a ship could be chartered. I telegraphed to our consul giving my guarantee to that amount, who kindly chartered a ship and sent the young men down to the great relief of their parents who at once paid the money." Sir Henry concluded his article thus:—"But within thirteen centuries no Chinese dynasty has lasted longer than 257 years. The Ming dynasty lasted for 265 years and the years of the present dynasty number 247. Will this be a factor in the mind of Yuan Shih-kai? and will he come as a deliverer or shall we see the strong man gratify a possible ambition after the manner of the eastern strong man down the centuries? In either case given sufficient money I should pump for his chances. A successful revolution of discordant states would assuredly result in chaos."

An Unfortunate Incident.

The telegram from Shanghai which tells how two revolutionaries entered the French Hospital there, under dead of night, and took measures to terminate the active career of a local revolutionary leader with whom they had a quarrel, suggests that the revolutionaries are not altogether a happy family. It would be easy, of course, to magnify the importance of an incident like this, but it would be just as easy to pass it over lightly. If dissension of this kind—deep and bitter and vicious—exists amongst the would-be makers of the new China, there is a deal of spadework to be done before peace and happiness settle within its borders.

TELEGRAMS.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

A NEW INVENTION.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

London, Dec. 15, 10.50 a.m.
Sergeant Ominundson, of Edinburgh, the well-known King's Prize-winner, has invented a rifle-sight which abolishes the present range-finder.

R. H. Y. CLUB.

Saturday's Races.

The 6th Club races for the Handicap and One Design classes were sailed on Saturday in a strong easterly wind and some rain. None of the Dinghy class turned out.

There were six starters in the Handicap class, viz.:—Dione, Iris, Rella, Kathleen, Colleen and Dorothea.

The course was Channel Rocks (port) North Fairway Buoy (port), 97 miles.

Iris was the first over the starting line, but was soon collared by Dione who led by a considerable distance on the run to the Fairway Buoy and on the beat back.

Kathleen and Colleen had an exciting finish, the former just collaring her opponent on the line.

The finishing times were:—

	Act. Time.	Corr. Time.
Dione	4.47.38	4.47.38
Iris	4.49.03	4.49.03
Rella	4.52.36	4.50.10.1-2
Kathleen	4.53.36	4.47.50.1-2
Colleen	4.53.42	4.48.21.1-2
Dorothea	5.0.15	4.59.47.1-2

The marks to date are Colleen 25, Dione 24, Dorothea, 19, Iris 10, Kathleen 10 and Rella 9.

In the One Design class there were five competitors, viz., Ailsa, Bonito II, Alannah II, Daphne, and Halcyon. The course was Channel Rocks (port), One Rock Bay (port), Mark Boat Quay Bay (port), 7 miles.

Both Bonito II and Halcyon had the misfortune to split their jibs, the former once and the latter twice. Ailsa scored her sixth win this season, which puts her on a par with Halcyon last season. Bonito II scored another record.

The finishing times were:—

	Actual.	to Date.
Ailsa	4.21.0	30
Bonito II	4.26.11	25
Alannah II	4.30.3	16
Daphne	4.33.9	3
Halcyon	4.37.54	6

The seventh Club races will be sailed on Jan. 27.

PRESS AND REPUBLICANS.

Grave Charges.

Our Canton correspondent writes under date January 15:—

On Jan. 10 nine Chinese newspapers published articles relating to the newly trained troops. The following day instructions were received from the Commissioner of Police to make certain corrections. This did not seem sufficient to the acting Governor-General who summoned five of the editors concerned to see him. Only two obeyed the order. The Commissioner of Police was present at the interview. The editors were ordered to disclose the names of the reporter responsible for the article and to hand them over to the Governor-General for punishment. They refused. The Commissioner of Police then handed a paper to the Governor-General upon which was written the name and address of the reporter in question. The Governor-General then ordered the editors to sign the paper, it is alleged in order to clear the authorities from blame. Just as they were in the act of affixing their signatures (under compulsion) the Commissioner of the Army happened to come in and discussed the matter with the Governor-General.

The two editors were then conducted, under armed escort, to the Court Martial Chamber, which is attached to the house of the Governor-General. They were detained until late in the evening, being released when the reporter was arrested. It is reported that this reporter has been shot.

The editors are greatly incensed over this matter, and the Press Society has held a meeting to determine what steps shall be taken.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

Congregational Meeting.

The annual meeting and dinner in connection with St. Peter's Church was held last night at the Seamen's Institute. His Lordship the Bishop of Victoria presided and among those present were His Lordship the Bishop of Hunan, the Rev. C. E. Thompson, Mr. Davies, Messrs. Stringer, Nichols, Smith and Thompson.

The Bishop of Victoria in his opening speech recommended the Seamen's Mission to his hearers for support. He believed in Hongkong they had the finest Seamen's Mission in the East (Hear, hear). He would not inflict a long speech upon them, but one thing he would say was that the revolution in China had had good results so far in sending them a good refugee—he of course meant Bishop Bannister of Hunan (Hear, hear) and they were glad to make use of him. He wished the Mission every success and would call on Bishop Bannister to speak (applause).—He was an old friend (applause).

Bishop Bannister said it was very kind of His Lordship to refer to him as an old friend of the Seamen's Mission; and he would try so far as to say he was an old friend of that Mission (Hear, hear). It had been his privilege to attend year after year the annual gathering of that Mission when it was held at the other side of the harbour—Kowloon (applause). He hoped it would never be forgotten that the greatest friends of Britain were her seamen (applause). They had all to do their duty towards these men and to assist loyally in the maintenance of such institutions, so that as years passed by the new generations superseding the old ones could have a good time in them. He would not think of closing his remarks without expressing his thanksgiving to God for the blessing that the work went on year after year and he hoped God would assist them to prosperity in the new year in which they had entered (applause).

His Lordship the Bishop of Victoria afterwards said he was trying to get the Rev. C. E. Thompson his furlough, which was now due. He had been with them for five years and with the usual love for his work he had said he would not go on furlough until satisfactory arrangements had been made for the carrying on of his duties. The committee were taking up the matter and he hoped in a few days' time to be able to announce the name of a gentleman whom he knew very well and could strongly recommend, who would be willing to take up the duties temporarily. He had been approached and he (the Bishop) believed he would be able to come. He had known him to do good work in Liverpool as a curate and a man of excellent capacities. He would like to mention the name but he was afraid it would be a little too premature at this moment.

The Rev. C. E. Thompson called for three cheers for their Lordships respectively and they were loudly rendered.

Annual Report.

The annual report of the Rev. C. E. Thompson which was adopted stated that in spite of many discouragements and difficulties the work of the Mission had gone forward in this port. It had to be confessed that there was a feeling of dissatisfaction when comparing the statistics of the past two or three months with that of previous years. This port was sadly in need of an assistant chaplain or a Lay Reader; in fact there was plenty of work for both, but funds would not permit of it. A Lay Reader would be a great help to the work of the port and institute. A room could be provided for him in the Institute, where he could live, and so, in this way, would be in constant contact with the men. It was no easy matter to attend the work at the church, the visiting on the harbour, and the arrangement and holding of meetings at the Institute.

During the past year close on 900 visits were paid to ships in the harbour and nearly 2,000 seamen attended the meetings and services. It was felt that more ought to be done, but it was difficult for one person to accomplish more.

In a survey of the events of the year there was much to be glad of as well as to be sad. The Church had been thoroughly renovated and a new Chancel added, which added considerably to the internal appearance of the Church. Since the re-opening of the Church in October last, two handsome gifts had been promised, one a beautiful marble font given by a member of the congregation. It was now ready for erection in the church, but they would have to wait till they got a little money to build a Baptistery. In order to do this a sum of \$200 was required and \$50 of that amount had been promised. The second gift was promised by Captain Lake of the S.S. "Nam Sang" and took the form of eight ceiling fans, to take the place of the pendants, and were to be erected shortly.

He was glad to report that the general congregations at St. Peter's seemed to have improved. There were more seamen communicants last year than for several years past.

A special seafarers' service was held in October last on Sunday evening the 22nd, the day following Trafalgar Day, when the Bishop of Victoria was the preacher. This service was better attended by seamen than on the two previous occasions when it was held. The Old Institute at Kowloon had temporarily passed from the mission and leased to a Masonic Lodge, but he hoped it would revert again some day to its former use. Great things were expected for Kowloon, which might revive the work of the mission on that side of the harbour.

He had to thank all those who kindly arranged the splendid concerts during the past year, and which provided wholesome recreation for the men, and had been much appreciated.

He thanked the members of the congregation who so enthusiastically helped in collecting the money for the renovation of the Church. On Sunday, March the 5th last, collections were landed in, which amounted to close on \$1,500.

He thanked all those who assisted by taking meetings at the Institute on Sunday evenings, which had gone on regularly.

To the ladies of the sewing party for their kind help in preparing for the Bazaar which was held in October last and which proved a great financial help, their best thanks were due. Thanks were due also to the ladies making Christmas gifts for the men and others for taking round the lunch on Sundays and week-days to bring the men to the services and concerts.

To Mr. Bowley their best thanks were due for the splendid and enthusiastic way he worked in stirring up interest in the Colony on behalf of the Institute, and which resulted, when a general committee of subscribers to the Coronation Celebration Fund was held, at the City Hall, in a unanimous vote to devote a part of the surplus of the Coronation Funds towards paying off the debt on the Institute. The money given almost cleared off the entire debt.

The meeting closed with the customary formalities, the party then descending to the dining room where a capital dinner was served. A very pleasant evening followed.

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A SHANGHAI OUTRAGE.

Revolutionary Officer Attacks Sikh.

Our Shanghai correspondent on Jan. 11 telegraphed a report of an incident in the Settlement which culminated in a revolutionary officer attacking a Sikh policeman with a sword. The following fuller report is from the "N. C. Daily News" of Jan. 12:—

Ever since the Arsenal became one of the headquarters of the revolutionary army, troops have been stationed in temples and other buildings in the neighbourhood of Sienwei Road. The memorial garden to Li Hung-chang had been converted into barracks, and troops have been constantly in the vicinity. Residents in the district report that the first two regiments stationed round about were most exemplary in their conduct, but that lately soldiers of a different stamp have arrived, and that a distinct tendency to disorder has manifested itself amongst them.

From time to time these soldiers have been bearing arms on the Municipal road there, and it is understood that cautions and warnings have been given.

Resistance to Order.

The episode under discussion arose out of obstinate disregard of this warning. On Wednesday a Sikh trooper was out on patrol along Sienwei Road, and when near Route Ferguson he came upon a party of revolutionary soldiers, all armed. The officer in charge seems to have resisted the order against carrying arms, for about the time of the occurrence a foreigner who was passing in a ricksha found him virtually under arrest. He had evidently been mounted, but now both he and the Sikh were on foot, the latter holding both ponies. At the request of the constable the foreigner joined the little group, and he was asked by the Sikh to explain to the Chinese that he was upon a Municipal thoroughfare. The Chinese, who was in the full uniform of an officer of the revolutionary army, could speak English, and he maintained that he was upon a Chinese road. It was only necessary for the foreigner to point to the Municipal and French stones at the roadside to show the officer that he was in the wrong, but no sooner had he done so than the affair took a startling turn. Without a moment's hesitation the officer drew his sword and made a ferocious lunge at the Sikh. There could be no question that the stroke was meant to go home, and the foreigner had only time to lay hold of the man by the back of the neck in order to prevent him from getting in the full force of his lunge. As it was, the sword passed through the Sikh's cap. The Sikh grasped

the hilt with his gloved hand, and seeing that his attempt had failed, the officer let the weapon drop and fled into the country.

A Threatening Mob.

In the interval between the officer's arrest and escape, the soldiers had been strengthening their numbers, and a short distance away their voices had been heard in the cry, "The red-turbaned devil has our officer!" In spite of their presence, and the obvious danger which he would encounter, the Sikh was for making after the fleeing officer, but the foreigner wisely counselled him to remain where he was. This course was adopted, and the trooper brought to the police station as trophies of the fray the officer's sword and pony. It is understood that the police are making representations in regard to the matter.

His Majesty's formal notepaper is now distinguished by a miniature Tudor crown in Royal red, with the name of the Royal residence in the same colour, and the envelopes are embossed with a red crown of the same size on the flap, no monogram being employed. This choice of colour has the incidental advantage of distinguishing the correspondence of the late King-Edward from that of the present reign.

To-day's Advertisements.

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 15th January, to THURSDAY, 25th January, 1912 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered. By Order of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th Jan. 1912.

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SINGAPORE, PENANG .. LOONGSANG .. Tuesday, 23rd Jan., Noon.

MANILA .. YUENSANG .. Saturday, 27th Jan., 2 p.m.

SANDAKAN .. MAUSANG .. Wednesday, 31st Jan., Noon.

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Parcels will be received at the Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

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Superintendent.
Hongkong, 8th Jan., 1911.

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Hongkong, 14th Jan., 1912.

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Destinations	Steamers	Sailing Dates
MARSHALL IS., LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, SUEZ & PORT SAID ..	IYO MARU, Capt. T. Takoda, T. 7,000 HIRANO MARU, Capt. H. Fraser, T. 8,000	WEDNESDAY, 17th Jan., at Daylight WEDNESDAY, 18th Jan., at Daylight
VICTORIA, B.O., & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBÉ, YOKOHAMA, OMI, & YOKOHAMA ..	AWA MARU, Capt. T. Iizawa, T. 7,000 SADO MARU, Capt. J. Richards, T. 7,000	TUESDAY, 19th Jan., at Noon TUESDAY, 19th Feb., at Noon
VICTORIA, B.O., & SEATTLE ..	SANUKI MARU, Capt. .. T. 7,000	SATURDAY, 27th Jan., from KOBE
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE ..	KUMANO MARU, Capt. M. Winckler, T. 6,000 YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sekine, T. 5,000	FRIDAY, 19th Jan., at Noon FRIDAY, 16th Feb., at Noon
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO ..	WAKASA MARU, Capt. N. Nielsen, T. 7,000	MONDAY, 22nd Jan.
KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA ..	KAMO MARU, Capt. F. L. Sommer, T. 9,000	THURSDAY, 18th Jan., at 11 a.m.
NAGASAKI, KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA ..	YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sekine, T. 5,000	WEDNESDAY, 17th Jan., at Noon
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBÉ ..	HAKATA MARU, Capt. H. Nomin, T. 6,000	WEDNESDAY, 17th Jan.
KOBÉ ..	JINSEN MARU, Capt. M. Mochida, T. 4,000	FRIDAY, 19th Jan.

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KAMO MARU	9,000	F. L. Sommer	Feb. 28th
AKI MARU	7,000	K. Homma	Mar. 18th
MISUMI MARU	9,000	A. C. Moses	Mar. 27th
KAGA MARU	7,000	M. Hagino	Apr. 10th
ATSUTA MARU	9,000	Wm. Thompson	Apr. 24th
HITACHI MARU	7,000	T. Yamawaki	May 8th
MIYASAKI MARU	9,000	T. Marai	May 22nd
INABA MARU	7,000	S. Tomimaga	Feb. 27th
TAMBA MARU	7,000	K. Noda	Mar. 26th
SANUKI MARU	7,000	T. Iizawa	Apr. 9th
AWA MARU	7,000	T. Iizawa	Apr. 23rd
INABA MARU	7,000	S. Tomimaga	May 21st

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AMOI & NINGPO ..	"ORIEL" ..	17th .. 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI ..	"CHINHUA" ..	18th .. 4 p.m.
TSINGTAI, WEIHAIWEI ..	"HUNAN" ..	18th .. 4 p.m.
CEHFOO ..	"ANHUI" ..	20th .. M'night
SHANGHAI ..	"TEAN" ..	23rd .. 4 p.m.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO ..	"CHENAN" ..	23rd .. 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI ..	"LINAN" ..	27th .. M'night
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"Belgravia" .. 6th Feb.	For Havre, Rotterdam & Hamburg:
"Sachsen" .. 8th M.r.	S.S. "Sambia" .. 3rd Feb.
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Tjilalip ..	JAVA	..	SHANGHAI	1st half Feb.
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S.S. "Shinyo Maru" ..	21,000	H. S. Smith	Jan. 19th, Noon
S.S. "Chiyo Maru" ..	21,000	W. W. Green	Feb. 16th, Noon
S.S. "Nippon Maru" ..	11,000	A. G. Stevens	Mar. 16th, Noon
S.S. "Tenyo Maru" ..	21,000	E. Beni	Mar. 16th, Noon

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Buyo Maru ..	10,500	Tuesday, April 16, Noon
Hongkong Maru ..	11,000	Friday, June 7, Noon

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Experience proves also that in the Underways the limit of speed at which they can be safely driven in heavy seas is not fixed by their size, engine power, or general structural strength; but by considerations of the serious damage which might be done to fittings and navigational appliances, as well as to the officers and crew employed in navigating the ships, and of the safety of passengers, if the ships were driven at high speed against heavy seas. This will always remain true whatever the sizes of ship may be.

In regard to steadiness in a seaway, long experience has shown, according to Sir W. H. White, K.C.B., that ships of less size may be more free from heavy rolling in a seaway than much larger ships, if the latter are endowed with greater stiffness, and consequently move more quickly when rolling. In recent years increase in the proportion of breadth to draught of water has tended to shorten periods of oscillation. No doubt in modern passenger steamers the lofty superstructures tend to raise the centre of gravity, and so to diminish stiffness and lengthen periods of oscillation. The increased breadth of ships has also tended to lessen the "effective wave-slope," and so to diminish rolling. Apart from detailed calculation, no exact knowledge can be reached respecting the probable behaviour and period of oscillation for a new ship; but that fact in no way contradicts the general statement made above, that large dimensions are not necessary to secure moderate rolling and easy motion. In modern warships of the largest types the periods of rolling oscillation are actually less than the corresponding periods for smaller ships which preceded them; and it is certain that, as a result, the larger ships must prove a steady gun platform, that their predecessors under the influence of ocean storm-waves, small as are frequently encountered "Engineering."

COMMERCIAL.

Bullion.

Messrs. Samuel Montagu & Co.'s weekly circular dated London, December 21, states that "About £750,000 arrived in the form of bar gold, of which £212,000 was reserved for India; of this £116,000 was for this week's shipment, the balance for next week, the holidays preventing the turning out of fine gold in time for next week's shipment. There was a limited demand for Germany; the remainder not thus utilized is expected to be sent into the Bank of England. During the week the net outflow is £147,000." Writing of silver the circular says:—

"The tone of the market has been sensibly eased and the gradual fall of the price of 'forward' silver from 25.3-8 on the 15th to 25.1-8 on the 19th, records the fact. Since then the price has recovered 1/16d. a day. Buying orders to cover 'bear' transactions have been fewer in number, and the spot supplies proved ample for these compulsory needs as well as the limited demand elsewhere for prompt delivery. There has been quite a good inquiry for delivery two months ahead on account of China, for which quarter the demand intensified as the price reverted to a more natural level.

Yesterday the corner was turned, and the premium on cash silver which had shrunk to 1/16d. on the 19th inst. disappeared, and was replaced by a discount of 1-16d. The squeeze for delivery which began on November 8, last, has thus lasted no less than forty-three days.

We understand that there is a prospect of the greater portion of the recent substantial shipments of silver to Bombay being minted into British dollars. Such an operation would have an important bearing on the China exchange.

A decrease of 1-4 of a pice is reported in the total of silver rupees held in the India Currency Reserve, and an increase of 1-4 of a crore in the Gold Coin and Bullion. The offset shows a better inquiry from the Bazaars, and is estimated to be about 80 bars a day.

The stock in Bombay is 13,000 bars, in Shanghai about the equivalent of 272.1-4 lacs of tola.

Messrs. Mocatta & Goldsmid's weekly circular dated London, December 22, states:—

The silver market has seen a somewhat rapid change since our last, for not only has the "spot" price fallen from 25.9-10d. to 25.1-8d. which is the quotation to-day, but the "forward" quotation which had been at a discount since November 6 is now at a premium.

At the lower level there have been considerable purchases on China account, and as these purchases have been chiefly for forward they have tended to cause the premium, but perhaps the relative positions of the two quotations has been more affected by the Bulls ceasing to take up their contracts as they fall due and carrying them forward instead. With the Christmas holidays so near, the market has an uncertain tendency, the offerings from New York being rather larger and buyers on the other hand less inclined to enter into fresh contracts.

So severe is the famine in Russia that the peasants in the Nicolaievsk district are imploring the priests to sanction the eating of horse flesh, which is contrary to the orthodox canons because the horse's hoofs are not cloven.

The total number of Bills passed by both Houses of Parliament during the last Session was 65, 55 being Government Bills, and the remainder private members' Bills. The total number of divisions was 451. Statistics of the number of Hansard columns spoken by members show that Mr. Lloyd George, thanks to the Insurance Bill, spoke more than twice as much as any other member, with 728 columns to his credit. Mr. A. Chamberlain comes next with 346, Mr. Churchill 289, Mr. Asquith 234, Mr. Balfour 197 and Lord H. Cecil 154.

FOR AMATEUR PHOTO-GRAPHERS.

PRIZES OFFERED FOR THE BEST PRINTS.

In order to stimulate interest in photography in Hongkong the proprietor has decided to offer two prizes for the best photographs submitted to the editor by amateur photographers in the Colony, between now and the January 31. Should results justify it, the competition will become a monthly competition and two prizes will be awarded each month.

From this competition professional photographers will be rigidly excluded, and no member of the "Telegraph" staff shall be allowed to compete. A professional photographer, for the purposes of the competition, shall be adjudged as one who makes his living, wholly or in part, from photography.

The following are the RULES OF COMPETITION.

Each competitor may send as many photographs as he or she pleases, provided that every photograph is accompanied by a coupon. The coupon will be found below and will appear daily. A coupon from any issue, between now and January 31, must accompany each print.

For the photograph adjudged the best, a prize of \$10 will be awarded to the sender. For the photograph adjudged as next in merit, a prize of \$5 will be awarded. Should two photographs be of equal merit, the \$15 shall be equally divided between the senders, but no competitor may win both prizes. The editor shall be the sole judge and his decision must be accepted as final. Photographs can be accepted only on this understanding.

Photographs must be submitted only on the express understanding that the editor may, at his discretion, use any or all of the photographs, either in the "Hongkong Telegraph" or in the "Weekly Telegraph," in such manner as seems best to him, but that they shall not be put by him, to any purpose outside of these journals.

Competitors shall not submit copies of competitive photographs to any other newspaper until the expiry of one month from the date of announcing the editor's decision.

The names and addresses of prize-winners will be announced early in February.

Hints to Competitors. What are especially wanted are photographs of topical interest, illustrative of the daily life of the colony. A picture of some event of strong public interest or a snapshot, even, of two or three local celebrities enjoying (let us say) a good joke in the street, is of much more compelling interest to residents in the Colony than an excellent picture of the harbour or the Peak.

The best photograph, therefore, need not necessarily be the finest picture, though each photograph will, of course, be judged as a picture. But other things being equal, the most "live" picture—the picture, in the judgment of the editor, most likely to interest the greatest number of readers—would be adjudged the best.

Whether snapshots or posed photographs are sent, then, they should actively touch some phase of life in the colony. Whether of men or women, of a sporting event or a street scene, they should be "live."

The editor will be pleased to answer, in these columns, any questions put by intending competitors on points which may require amplification.

Photographic Competition Coupon.

Jan. 16, 1912.

I agree to enter the photographic competition on the express understanding that the editor's decision shall be final, and that he may, at his discretion, use the print sent herewith either in the "Hongkong Telegraph" or the "Weekly Telegraph."

Name.....
Address.....

SHARE REPORT.

S-SELLERS. SA-SALE. B-BUYERS.

STOCKS & PAID UP VALUE.	CLOSING QUOTE.	LAST DIVIDEND AND DATE.
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI	\$125	Interim dividend of 42 p. per share at exchange rate of \$22.89 for 1 pound ending 30th June 1911
MARINE INSURANCE		
Osaka Marine	\$50	\$107
North China	45	\$147
Union	\$100	\$247
YANGTSE		
Yangtze	\$50	\$212
FIRE INSURANCE		
China Fire	\$30	\$181
Hongkong Fire	\$30	\$360
SHIPPING		
China & Manilla	\$35	\$104
Douglas Steamship	\$50	\$21
Steamboats	\$15	\$27
INDO-CHINA		
Indo-China (Preferred)	45	\$58
Indo-China (Deferred)		\$48
Shell Transports	41	\$11
Star Ferry	\$10	\$17
REFINERIES		
China Refinery	\$100	\$101
Lyon Sugar	\$100	\$84
SINING		
Chinese Engineering	41	\$12
Traction	41	\$13
Rails	41	\$13
DOCKS, WHARVES & COWDOYS		
Kowloon Wharf	\$50	\$55
H. K. & W. P. Docks	\$50	\$47
Shanghai Docks	T. 100	\$68
Hongkong Wharves	T. 100	\$65
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS		
Anglo Siam Land	T. 100	\$94
Hongkong Hotels	\$50	\$118
Hongkong Lands	\$100	\$72
Hongkong Estates	\$100	\$102
Kowloon Lands	\$30	\$30
Shanghai Lands	T. 30	\$35
West Point	\$50	\$60
Manila M. P. Hotel	P. 30	\$9.50
COTTON MILLS		
Ewas	T. 50	\$83
Hongkong Cotton	\$10	\$54
SHANGHAI COTTON		
China Cotton	\$12	\$102
Light & Powers	\$10	\$1.80
Do. (Spec. shares)	\$1	\$1.80
China Provident	\$10	\$34
Dairy Farms	\$5	\$20
Green Islands	\$10	\$3.90
Hongkong Electric	\$10	\$21
Hongkong Ice	\$25	\$215
Hongkong Ropes	\$10	\$18
Langketa	G. 10	\$85
Morning Post	\$25	\$25
Pak Tramway	\$10	\$11
Do. (New)	\$1	\$1.10
Philippines	\$10	\$6
H. Price & Co., Ltd.	\$10	\$12
Societe des Phosphates	\$50	\$50
Pulp & Co., Ltd.	\$50	\$50
Perforations	\$10	\$10
An Tonkin	\$10	\$10
Shanghai-Siam	T. 20	\$102
Steam Laundry	\$5	\$5
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd.	\$10	\$10
United Asbestos Foundry	\$10	\$300
Union Waterboat	\$10	\$7.50
Wismann, Ltd.	\$10	\$15
Watan	\$10	\$14
William Powell	\$10	\$14

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T/T Singapore..... 80 1/2

T/T Japan..... 81 1/2

T/T India..... 81 1/2

T/T Rangoon..... 140

T/T Rangoon and New York..... 45 1/2

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Notes from all Quarters.

THE DERBY AND ST. LEGER OF 1912.

There are 328 entries for the Derby of 1912, of which twenty-eight are French and thirty-four are American. This subscription exhibits a considerable falling of from 364 entries for this year's race and 359 for next year. His Majesty has engaged five colts bred at Sandringham, including a son of Spearmint and Lactonia; but this famous mare has proved a complete failure at the stud. Mr. W. Hall Walker has eight entries, including Cook of the Rock, by Count Schomberg out of Cherry Lass. The Duke of Portland has seven, three of his lot being sons of William the Third. Mr. J. B. Joel has six entries, five of them being sons of Sandridge, including an own brother to Sunstar, while another of his lot is a half-brother, by Bachelor's Button, to The Story. Mr. L. de Rothschild's lot of six includes an own-brother to Patri, Lord Roseberry has five, one being a half-brother by Bachelor's Button, to Neil Gow. Three of his lot were sired by Cicero. Lord Derby's lot of four includes an own brother to Swynford, which has been named Harry of Hereford. Among the other notable entries are Mr. W. Astor's Scotch, half-brother, by Troutbeck, to Mirabilis; Duke of Devonshire's Compton, half-brother by St. Frusquin, to Jewel; Lord Falkland's colt by Isinglass out of Quintessence and his half-brother by St. Frusquin, to Belleisle; Lord Harwood's colt by Bridge of Canby out of Lighthouse (dam of Minstead); Mr. P. Neill's colt by St. Frusquin out of Glare; and the Duke of Westminster's Mystery, half-brother, by Troutbeck, to Flying Fox. The French lot includes M. E. Blanc's Apollo, by Ajax out of Rockless, and his Dugor, by Flying Fox out of Loquette; but Mr. Vanderbilt has not patronised the Epsom race.

The St. Leger for 1912 has been very successful, there being 341 entries (including twenty-five made in New York), as against 313 for 1911 and 310 for this year's race. Nearly all the best-bred yearlings which have been entered for the Derby are in the St. Leger also, and there are numerous additions, principally of fillies which are not engaged in the Epsom race. M. E. Blanc has entered two colts—Blanc Qing, by Gardelou, and Mastwin, by Flying Fox. One of Major Loder's lot is a sister to Corlander. The King has five entries, but the largest subscriber is Mr. H. P. Whitney with eighteen. Lord Falkland's lot is his own sister to Alchemist, and one of Lord Derby's lot of four is Spear Bridge, half-sister to Bridge of Canby, by Spearmint. It is strange that there should be such a small number of French entries (only seventeen), as the St. Leger does not clash with any of their great races.

The Test Matches.

The following are the dates fixed for the test matches in the Triangular Tournament in England next year:

May 27. Manchester, Australia v. South Africa.

June 1. Lord's—England v. South Africa.

June 24. Lord's—England v. Australia.

July 8. Leeds—England v. South Africa.

July 15. Lord's—Australia v. South Africa.

July 20. Manchester—England v. Australia.

August 5. Nottingham—Australia v. South Africa.

August 12. Oval—England v. South Africa.

August 21. Oval—England v. Australia.

Of these matches, three are to be played at Lord's, two each at the Oval and Manchester, and one each at Leeds and Nottingham. All are three day matches, but in the event of two countries being level after having met twice extra time will be necessary to be allotted to the third match. As every test match is fixed to begin on a Monday, this arrangement involves no difficulty. The Australian programme was prepared by Mr. W. Findlay and

that of the South Africans by Mr. H. C. C. Lovison-Gower.

All-India Hockey Tournament. The committee of the All-India Hockey Tournament at Allahabad have decided at present a cup of the value of Rs. 400 annually to the winners of the Tournament. This cup will be given in addition to the present cup and will take the place of the medals that have hitherto been presented to the members of the winning team. The All-India Hockey Tournament Cup can be retained by the winners only for one year, whereas the additional cup will become the entire property of the winning team. The first additional cup will be given at the Tournament this month.

HOW TO BREAK A DROUGHT.

Pictureque Processions in the Balkans.

Trickery is many and various by which members of the human race have tried to bring rain in time of drought. There is a village in Russia, for instance, where three men used to climb certain fir trees in seasons of drought, one of the three having a vessel of water which he would sprinkle all around. One of the two others hammered on a kettle or made some similar noise in the hope of thereby producing thunder and the third scattered sparks from a firebrand, a warning to the lightning to make haste. The "Golden Bough" gives a host of instances of similar ceremonies as they have been observed in different parts of the world.

In Rumania, Serbia and other countries the charm for rain is more picturesque. Here a troop of girls, the leader of whom is naked save for a covering of leaves, herbs and flowers, goes in procession from house to house through the village, and as they pass singing for rain the householders drench them with buckets of water. "The ceremony," says Dr. Frazer, "regularly takes place all over Rumania on the third Tuesday after Easter, but it may be expected at any time of drought during the summer. There is yet another wetting Rumanian custom described in the "Golden Bough." Sometimes when rain is needed, we are told, the Rumanians "make a clay figure to represent drought, cover it with a pill and place it in an open coffin. Girls crouch round the coffin and lament, saying, 'Drought is dead! Lord, give us rain! Then the coffin is carried by children in funeral procession with a burning wax candle before it, while lamentations fill the air. Finally they throw the coffin and the candle into a stream or well.'

In unspoiled parts of Russia the popular methods of influencing the weather are less fanciful. Sometimes, for instance, Dr. Frazer tells us, "after service in church the priest in his robes has been thrown down on the ground and drenched with water by his parishioners. In Kursk, a province of southern Russia, when rain is much wanted the women seize a passing stranger and throw him into the river or submerge him from head to foot." If you are going to spend your holidays in southern Russia it is as well that you should know this. Otherwise you might come away with the totally false impression that strangers are unpopular in those parts.

When one contemplates a model President's message, he is reminded of the advantages of the stoneage. Writing was more laborious then. "Cleveland Plain Dealer."

Startling revelations are promised when the Congressional committee resumes their investigations of the trusts. It is evidently the trusts that are to be startled. No revelations could surprise the public. "Philadelphia North American."

The statement of a reformer that there should be supervision of the idle rich of Boston as well as of the idle poor may not be accurate, but it suggests possibilities of a very attractive job. "New York World."

POST OFFICE.

Only fully prepaid letters and postcards are transmissible by the Siberian Route to Europe.

The Parcel Post system to the following places in China is for the present suspended—Hupoh, Shochuan, Huanan, Kueishow and Tientsin.

MAILS DUE.

English, Arcadia, 18th inst.
American, Siberia, 18th inst.
German, Derfflinger, 25th inst.
American, Manchuria, 3rd prox.

MAILS CLOSE.

Port, Bayard and Haiphong—Per Sikiang, 17th Jan., 8 a.m.
Amoy, Straits and Rangoon—Per Cuckoo, 17th Jan., 9 a.m.
Haiphong and Haiphong (taking Mails for Pakhoi)—Per Sikiang, 17th Jan., 10 a.m.

Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama—Per Yawata-maru, 17th Jan., 11 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok—Per Samsen, 17th Jan., 11 a.m.
Macao—Per Sui Tai, 17th Jan., 1.15 p.m.

Amoy and Ningpo—Per Chihli, 17th Jan., 8 p.m.
Swatow and Bangkok—Per Drufar, 18th Jan., 8 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haiyang, 18th Jan., 10 a.m.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per C. Apear, 18th Jan., 11 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 18th Jan., 1.15 p.m.
Shanghai—Per Chihli, 18th Jan., 3 p.m.

Tientsin, Weihaiwei and Choochow—Per Hannan, 18th Jan., 8 p.m.
Shanghai—Per Arcadia, 18th Jan., 5 p.m.

Swatow—Per Ha-mun, 19th Jan., 10 a.m.
Shanghai, Kobe and Moji—Per Namrang, 19th Jan., 10 a.m.

Manila, Thursday Island, Cebu, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle—Per Kinsman Maru, 19th Jan., 10 a.m.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco—Per Shinyo-maru, 19th Jan., 11 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 19th Jan., 1.15 p.m.
Jesselton, Kudat and Sandakan—Per Borneo, 20th Jan., 7 a.m.

EUROPE, &c., VIA TUNICORIN (Late Letters 11 a.m. to noon. Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday, 19th Jan., at 5 p.m.—Per Delta, 20th Jan., 11 a.m.

Manila (taking Mail for Cebu and Haiphong)—Per Loongang, 20th Jan., 1 p.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 20th Jan., 1.15 p.m.

Manila, Mangalia, Haiphong, and Cebu—Per Rubi, 20th Jan., 8 p.m.

SHANGHAI, Siberian Mail to Europe—Per Anbul, 20th Jan., 6 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haiyang, 21st Jan., 9 a.m.

Shanghai, Yokohama and Kobe—Per Nippon, 21st Jan., 9 a.m.

Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per Fokung, 22nd Jan., 11 a.m.

Manila, Cebu and Haiphong—Per Tean, 23rd Jan., 8 p.m.

EUROPE, &c., VIA TUNICORIN (Late Letters 11 a.m. to noon. Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Letter posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)—Per Balow, 24th Jan., 11 a.m.

Shanghai—Per Cheonan, 25th Jan., 8 p.m.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco—Per Siki, 27th Jan., noon.

Manila, Cebu and Haiphong—Per Tean, 27th Jan., 1 p.m.

SHANGHAI, Siberian Mail to Europe—Per Lian, 27th Jan., 6 p.m.

Manila, Cebu and Haiphong—Per Kai-fung, 20th Jan., 8 p.m.

Sandakan—Per Mawang, 21st Jan., 11 a.m.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco (Siberian Mail to Europe)—Per Chihli, 2nd Feb., noon.

Manila, Cebu, Haiphong, Timor, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide, Dunedin, Perth and Fremantle—Per St. Albans, 2nd Feb., 9 a.m.

6 Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle—Per Atcham, 7th Feb., 11 a.m.

VESSLS IN PORT.

STANTON.

Catherine Apsar, Br. s.s., 1,780, In O Townsend, 9th Jan.—Singapore 3rd Jan., Gen.—D. S. & Co.

Chihli, Br. s.s., 1,241, F. McGilley, 8th Jan.—Oanton 4th Jan.—D. S. & Co.

Choshu, Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,800, K. Sakura, 18th Jan.—Swatow 12th Jan., Gen.—T. H. K.

Borneo, Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,342, F. Sembili, 14th Jan.—Sandakan 8th Jan., Timber.—M. & Co.

Empress of India, Br. s.s., 5,940, E. Bigham, 5th Jan.—Yanconver 14th Dec., and Shanghai 2nd Jan. Mails and Gen.—C. P. R. Co.

Iyo Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,918, R. Takada, 16th Jan.—Shanghai 12th Jan. Mails and Gen.—N. Y. K.

Kum Chow, Br. s.s., 1,500, Marlin, 10th Jan.—Pulo Laut 28th Dec.—Cool.—Man Fat.

Laertes, Br. s.s., 1,840, U. E. Page, 4th Jan.—Nagasaki 30th Dec.—Gen.—Wo Fat Sing.

Loong Sang, Br. s.s., 1,092, Leek, 9th Jan.—Manila 6th Jan.—Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Loat, Br. s.s., 3,970, R. Olegg, 20th Dec.—Liverpool and Singapore 23rd Dec., Gen.—D. & Co.

Lyeomoon, Ger. s.s., 1,236, V. Pilgrim, 11th Jan.—Singapore 7th Jan.—Gen.—Chinsee.

Napshan, Am. s.s., 1,700, W. D. Frideaux, 10th Jan.—Manila, P. I. Gen.—U. S. Navy.

Rajah, Br. s.s., 1,104, C. Wolf, 1st Jan.—Singapore, 24th and Hongkong 8th Dec., 1st.

Rajah, Ger. s.s., 1,275, A. Roscher, 9th Jan.—Penang (Gr. N. tains) 1st Jan., Timber.—D. S. & Co.

Samsen, Ger. s.s., 998, R. Polerow, 7th Jan.—Bangkok and Swatow 6th Jan., Gen.—B. & S.

Secta, Ger. s.s., 992, Jensen, 11th Jan.—Singapore 31st Dec., Gen.—Kia Tye Lung.

Shinyo Maru, Jap. s.s., 7,228, H. B. Smith, 10th Jan.—San Francisco 18th Dec., Flour, provisions and Gen.—T. K. K.

Si Kiang, Fr. s.s., 615, E. de Calcano, 14th Jan.—Haiphong and Kwoonshingwan 12th Jan., Gen.—M. M.

Singao, Br. s.s., 1,047, F. Jamieson, 12th Jan.—Haiphong 10th Jan., Gen.—B. & S.

Tean, Br. s.s., 1,848, A. W. Oosteridge, 5th Jan.—Manila 2nd Jan., Gen.—B. & S.

Triumph, Ger. s.s., 788, W. Langewiger, 9th Jan.—Haiphong and Hongkong 6th Jan., Rice and Gen.—J. & Co.

Wakamatsu Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,779, S. Kawa, 12th Jan.—Wakamatsu 27th Jan.—Cool.—M. B. K.

Yawata Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,568, T. Sekida, 18th Jan.—Melbourne 20th Dec., Gen.—N. Y. K.

Yorino Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,580, T. Shiraga, 9th Jan.—Moji 3rd Jan., Cool.—O. S. K.

SHIPPING NEWS.

The s.s. Rubi left Manila on the 14th inst., and is due here on the 17th inst., at daylight.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s s.s. Mongolia, from Hongkong, arrived at San Francisco on the 18th inst.

The Ben Line s.s. Bendorn, from Amoy, Middlebro' and London, left Singapore on the 14th inst., for this port.

The I. G. M. s.s. Derfflinger, carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 27th ult., left Cebu on the 14th inst., and may be expected here on the 25th inst.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s s.s. Chint from San Francisco, sailed from Yokohama to-day, and is due to arrive at Hongkong on the 23rd inst. She will be dispatched from Hongkong on the 2nd prox., at 1 p.m., for San Francisco via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu.

ARRIVALS.

Rizal, Am. s.s., 2,774, D. Heintze, 15th Jan.—Manila 12th Jan. Ballast—Order.

Urula Rickmers, Ger. s.s., 2,629, H. Riche, 16th Jan.—Widdowstock, Beans—Orit-wi.

Caroni, Rus. s.s., 2,948, J. Lande, 16th Jan.—Singapore, Penang and Rangoon 9th Jan., Gen.—Seang Tak Hong.

Anglin, Ger. s.s., 1,001, Chr. Kumpel, 16th Jan.—Singapore and Hongkong 6th Jan., Gen.—D. S. & Co.

Drufar, Nor. s.s., 1,102, J. Bing, 16th Jan.—Bangkok via Swatow 5th Jan., Gen.—Kin Tay Loong.

Tacoma Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,830, Yamamoto, 16th Jan.—Manila, P. I. 18th Jan., Flour and Merchandise.—O. S. K.

Socotra, Br. s.s., 3,895, G. J. Codwell, 16th Jan.—London 2nd Dec., Gen.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Kumano Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,147, M. Y. K., 9th Jan.—Patatoes, etc.—N. Y. K.

Carl Diederichsen, Ger. s.s., 774, Ch. Jergensen, 16th Jan.—Holbo 15th Jan., Gen.—J. & Co.

Macher, Ger. s.s., 995, R. G. Zoller, 16th Jan.—Bangkok, Rice—B. & S.

Namsang, Br. s.s., 2,691, P. M. D. Lake, 15th Jan.—Calcutta and Swatow 6th Jan., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Haiyang, Br. s.s., 1,892, J. W. Evans, 16th Jan.—Fookchow via Ports 16th Jan., Gen.—D. S. & Co.

Choy Sang, Br. s.s., 1,424, M. Courtney, 16th Jan.—Shanghai 12th Jan., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

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DEPARTED.

Jan. 16.

Sydney, for Yokohama.

Hatsum, for Swatow.

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LONDON & ANTWERP	Capt. E. R. Martin	20th Jan.
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